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## REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

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### REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES JANUARY 8TH, 1896.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden:*

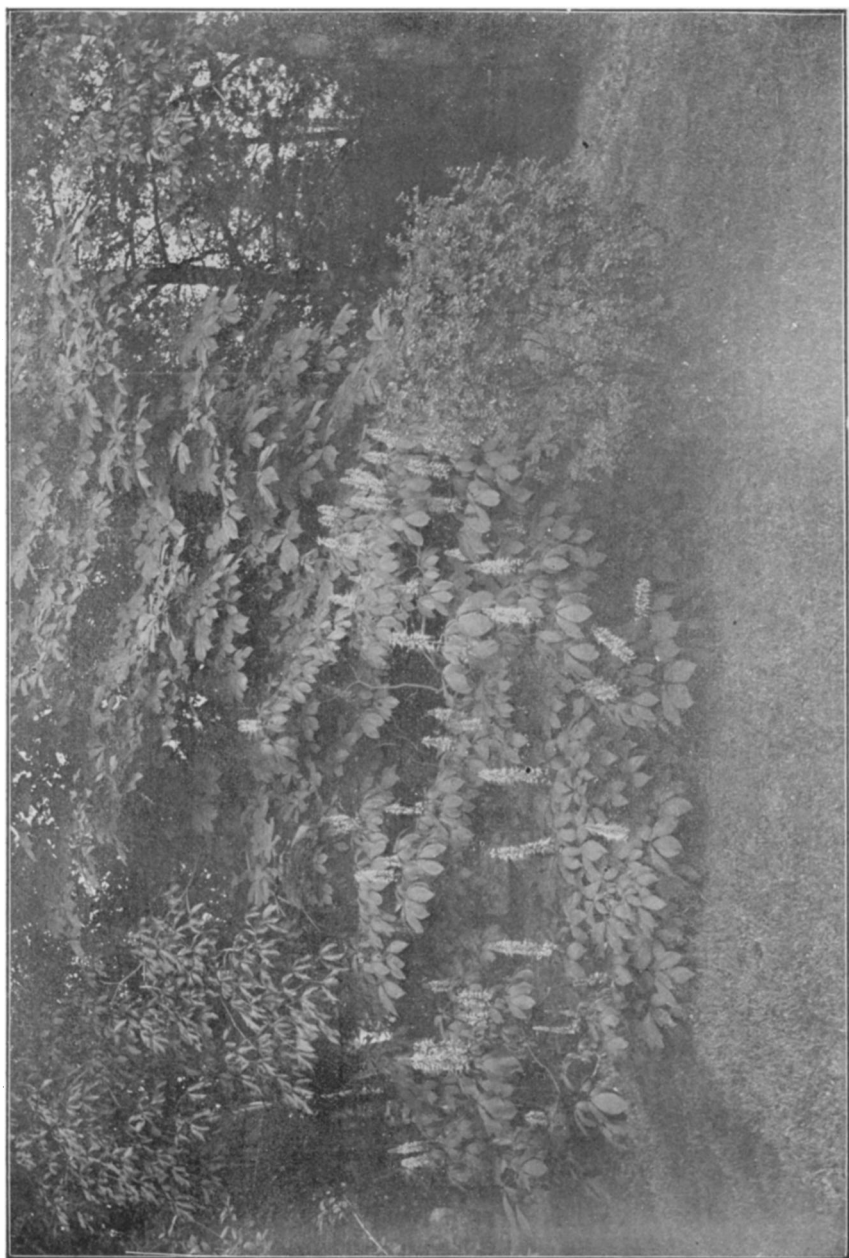
The financial results for the past year have been entirely satisfactory. The receipts from rentals have exceeded those of the previous year over \$4,500.00.

All houses vacant at the beginning of the year have been rented, and at present all the properties of the Board are occupied at satisfactory rentals with the exception of two small dwellings, yielding jointly \$37.00 per month.

All necessary repairs have been made during the year upon the properties of the Board, and they can be considered in fairly good condition; many of them, however, are very old and rapidly decaying and require constant attention to keep them in tenantable condition.

The Garden has been kept in good condition, some improvements have been made in the arrangement of the Garden and Fruticetum, and valuable additions have been made to the collection of plants. The extension of the water system of the Garden, begun in 1890, has been carried on during the year, and now the entire Garden is fully supplied with water for irrigation purposes.

In the 33d Section of the 4th Clause of Mr. Shaw's will, he expressed the desire that a small cottage be provided as a residence for a man, to be employed, whose duty it should be to keep in order the Mausoleum and the grove and the grounds around it, which the Board have carried out by erecting south of the main entrance to the Garden,



**AESCULUS PARVIFLORA.**

near what is known as the Museum gate, a beautiful and artistic stone building at a cost of about \$4,500.00, which is used in the manner which Mr. Shaw intended.

A large portion of the estate left by Mr. Shaw, located west of Grand Avenue, has been for years a burden to the Board by reason of the constantly increasing taxes, being largely in excess of the income, which though small can not be increased, as its uses will not justify an advance in the rentals, it being used for market gardening. In view of this fact the Board decided at its June meeting to make every possible effort to increase the revenue from this property by utilizing it in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Shaw, in the 3d Section of the 1st Clause of his will, "by leasing upon building leases for a term of not exceeding sixty years," and in order to test this matter fully a desirable piece of property was selected fronting on Flora Avenue between Grand and Tower Grove Avenues. Plats were made and advertisements inserted in the daily papers from July 1st to October 7th, and a large number of posters distributed, offering this property for perpetual lease for terms of sixty years at prices based on a very small percentage of the present cash value of the property, with restrictions as to buildings, etc., renewable at the end of sixty years on a basis of 3 per cent. on the cash value of the ground at that time; but the efforts were fruitless, not an application being received. We feel that the leasing of this property for residence purposes has been fully tested and has been a failure, and other measures must be used to utilize this and other property for revenue purposes.

We have received during the past year from the Public Administrator \$17,670.00 on account, and according to his final settlement, to which the Board have excepted, there remains yet in his hands \$4,301.82 belonging to the estate.

Additions have been made to the library and herbarium by donations and purchase, and permanent improvements made at the Garden, and the following sums have been

credited to the stock account, which now aggregates \$1,517,333.78:—

Library (purchases and donations).....	\$7,324 54
Herbarium (purchases and donations).....	1,563 50
Missouri Botanical Garden, permanent improvements.....	9,889 56
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	\$18,777 60

After carrying out Mr. Shaw's will as to banquets, sermon, and premiums to flower show, and caring for the Garden and the properties of the Board, we carry forward a gain for the year of \$13,344.56.

For a full and detailed account of the receipts and expenditures you are referred to the following statement:—

## RECEIPTS.

Rents .....	\$97,868 90	
Stock Account, paid by Administrator.....	17,670 00	
Garden, pasturage, sales, etc.....	1,519 09	
Interest, dividends, and cash discounts on taxes.	2,094 25	
Garden hand-book sales.....	79 50	
Publication sales .....	15 92	
Loss by fire to buildings.....	28 20	\$119,275 86
Cash balance Jan. 1st, 1895.....		<hr/>
		20,405 03
Total.....		<hr/>
		<u>\$139,680 89</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Garden Account,		
Labor, including garden pupils.....	\$13,321 92	
Fuel.....	1,275 52	
Stable and Implements.....	374 95	
Repairs and Supplies.....	1,920 45	
Care of Lodge for pupils, and supplies.....	650 09	
Plants and Seeds.....	1,532 27	
Herbarium.....	1,191 82	
Library, books, subscriptions, etc.....	4,975 42	
Garden Office, salaries, supplies, etc.....	4,889 32	
Research, chiefly salaries.....	871 10	\$31,002 86
Garden Improvements Account,		
Gate House, Green-houses, Water pipe, etc....	10,985 52	10,985 52
Publication Account,		
Annual Volume .....	1,275 31	1,275 31
Property Expense Account,		
Taxes, State, City, School and Sprinkling....	24,309 32	
Streets, pavements and sewers.....	145 61	
Insurance.....	4,509 45	
Repairs.....	5,889 67	
Improvements .....	700 00	35,554 05
Office Account,		
Salaries.....	3,560 00	
Rent of office.....	840 00	
Printing, postage and telephone.....	470 73	
Advertising, sale of leaseholds, and vacant property.....	710 53	5,581 26
Sundry Accounts,		
Legal Expenses.....	1,738 95	
Repairs to buildings damaged by fire.....	28 20	1,767 15
Bequests,		
Premium to Flower Show.....	481 00	
Flower Sermon.....	200 00	
Trustees' Banquet.....	813 05	
Gardeners' Banquet.....	356 45	
Washington University, School of Botany....	143 65	1,994 15
		\$88,160 30
Invested in 1895.....		40,035 08
Cash on hand December 31, 1895 .....		11,485 51
Total.....		\$139,680 89

The books of the Board have been closed after showing the operations for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1895, and the receipts have been disposed of as follows:—

Rent account.....	\$97,868 90
Interest.....	2,094 25
Garden hand-book.....	79 50
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	\$100,042 65

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Garden expense.....	\$29,483 77	
Garden improvements.....	11,086 52	
Office expense.....	5,581 26	
Repairs.....	5,889 67	
Insurance.....	4,509 45	
Taxes.....	24,309 32	
Streets, pavements and sewers.....	145 61	
New improvements.....	700 00	
Legal expenses.....	1,738 95	
Washington University.....	143 65	
Flower sermon.....	200 00	
Trustees' banquet.....	813 05	
Gardeners' ".....	356 45	
Flower show.....	481 00	
Publications.....	1,259 39	
Surplus for 1895.....	13,344 56	
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Surplus to December 31, 1894.....		\$60,473 93
“ for 1885.....		13,344 56
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Total surplus, December 31st, 1895.....		\$73,818 49
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Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LACKLAND, President.

Attest:

A. D. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.